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Dear Hal:

This is in response to your letter dated 13 April 1988.

Millington, Tennessee is the location of the Naval Technical Training Center at which Aircraft Maintenance is taught. It was to that school that Lee's older brother Robert went following his graduation from the Aircraft Fundamentals School at Jacksonville. The published documents show that Lee also requested and was recommended for a duty assignment in Aircraft Maintenance and is promotional orders from Jacksonville show that upon his graduation from the same Aircraft Fundamentals School(as Robert), he had been awarded the MOS 6400, Basic Aircraft Maintenance Man. The next "logical" step would have been to send him to the school in Millington. Jacksonville it should be noted, did not provide training in a specific specialty but rather through a general course of studies over a period of some six weeks, determined what particular specialty one would go into.

Powers stated that each of the men in his group including the man he knew as Oswald but whom he had not ment at Jacksonville(he first recalled seeing him on the train to Keesler) all left Jacksonville with MOS 6700. I would like to mention at this point, that as best I have been able to determine, no one was ever located who knew the "real" Oswald during basic training in California or anyone who definately knew him at Jacksonville. I believe one Marine " thought " that he had ment Oswald at Jacksonville but there was no certainty. The person they knew was someone who looked like what we know Oswald looked like and who was called Oswald. As concerns a foulup by a clerk or orders being scratched, we have only an assumption here. There would seem to be nothing published by the Government to indicated that such took place. All we have is that a man who graduated from the school at Jacksonville and was at that time destine to go to the Millington school was for some unknown reason sent to Keesler the next day.

I believe that you subscribe to the "theory" that at various times in the life of the man we know as Oswald, more that one person was using that name and that there was some resemblance physically. I also hold that belief. Working on the Keesler file I have come to wonder if such might not have begun as far back as Keesler or even earlier! If someone was to use the Oswald identity for some clandestine activity such as the trip to the Soviet Union, might it not be prudent to begin building a cover as early as this?

To answer your question about MOS 6741, that is the one given to those who graduated from the Aircraft Warning and Operators course at Keesler thought, Powers said they all got 6747 which the Military now denies ever existed.

Concerning the Keesler records, such records may not " exist "

at Keesler and indeed that is what I was told by Keesler. However, that should not be interperted as meaning that they as well as others, do not exist somewhere else. After telling me that all such records had been destroyed and then receiving a copy of one such record from me, Keesler was suddenly able to locate several others at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. To me it seems highly unlikely that any such records were destroyed because " Oswald " went over to the Soviet Union prior to the ten year retention date after which such records would have been destroyed and of course, can we not assume that several of the various Federal and Military agencies immediately gathered up all of those records? As you may know, there are numerous retention centers around the country which warehouse records and I suspect that it such records do exist, they may be kept elsewhere and perhaps under a different name. Thus, the Air Force and Marine Corps can truthfully said when ask, that they don't have such records!

Anyway, for what ever may come of it, I have made an FOIA request of the Marine Corps for all of Oswald's records relating to his period of training at Jacksonville. Who knows, maybe we'll be surprised.

So, now you have my thinking on the subject though I may be wrong. However, they've been irratating me and so I'm going to pursue this damn thing as far as I can.

In closing, I would ask you if you recall ever having done anything about the Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland? That was where Oswald was supposed to have been going when he went to Europe. Someone had asked me about that some time ago and not having anything on it myself, I wondered if you might know anything of interset.

Best wishes,

Emory Brown